

# Woman's World

Madam Clara Butt, a Great English Singer.



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The dramatic life of a great singer's life is always interesting to the public, and Madam Clara Butt, the English contralto now in this country, is no exception to the rule.

In private life Madam Butt is Mrs. Kennerly Humford, a most devoted wife and mother. Her home in St. John's wood, just outside London, contains rare treasures—signed portraits from royalties and art objects from every part of the world.

Madam Butt is a strikingly handsome woman and possesses a speaking voice that is as rich and sweet as her singing voice, with that hint of sadness in it, which some experts from a contralto whose songs are among the saddest notes on the piano.

When asked about the songs she liked best in her repertoire she replied: "I love all music, all music that is sincere. I like sentiment, but I hate sentimentality. And I believe in singing a sincere song, sincerely written, so that the man in the back row of the gallery can hear you distinctly. And that brings me to the question of diction. I am a crank on diction and think that far too little attention is paid to it by singers. Clear pronunciation is as necessary as sincerity in singing. It is no use feeling the passion and beauty of a song if your incoherency causes your hearers to wonder what on earth you are working yourself up into such a state about. If I could I would have all singers who ventured to sing on a concert platform pronounce their words in such a way that no one could be in the least doubt as to what they were saying."

When asked whether personal beauty and smart clothes were essential for a singer's success, Madam Butt replied with conviction: "No. One's appearance and one's clothes matter only for a very small portion of the audience. What really matters is one's sincerity. The plain singer with personality can succeed as well as the most beautiful woman. It's herself—the real self, not the features or the frock, but the soul—that comes out in one's voice and gives expression to it that makes one popular or merely tolerated." And it is only a great artist like Madam Butt who could say such things.

**The Millennium Guild.**  
Prominent and wealthy Boston society women in an effort to live "perfect" lives have formed the Millennium guild, the first organization of its kind in the world.

Love of all forms of animal and bird life in an effort to prevent slaughter is back of the new work that this Boston organization has taken up. The members of the society, many of whom have great wealth, have adopted a no-meat diet. They have given up the wearing of magnificent furs because of the appalling cruelty used in the fur securing industry. They likewise bar all feathers, breasts and wings used on hats and have no use for kid gloves or the leather that is used in the soles of shoes.

The members have agreed not to profit in any way by the deliberate killing of any creature.

**Velvet Umbrellas Smart.**  
Because of the tremendous vogue of velvets and the number of costumes in that material that are being made up the velvet lined umbrella has come into being. Made on a slender but substantial frame, which folds closely, and covered with a silk taffeta spread, the umbrella when closed and incased appears like a walking stick of velvet from ferrule to top. A solid silver monogram plate caps the handle, which ten inches down its length is ornamented with a double ring of silver.

**A Wedding Gift.**  
One of the most appreciated wedding presents of a recent bride was an attractive basket containing six glasses of assorted jellies. The glasses were daintily wrapped in white crepe paper, and the basket had been treated to a coat of white enamel paint, while the handles were tied together with a bow of white ribbon through which was thrust a tiny spray of artificial orange blossoms.

## IN SPRING ATTIRE.

Flounces Are Returning Rapidly to Favor



NEW GOWNS OF BROWN SATIN.

It looks as if we were going to wear brown next spring for our best costumes, as we have been doing so far this winter. For Paris is sending over some of her newest frocks in this attractive shade.

The advance model seen in the illustration is of brown satin with a shaped flounce as the dominating feature of the costume.

The continuance of the flounce on the bodice and the row of buttons give long, graceful lines. There are many suggestions for semi-formal gowns to be gleaned from this model.

## THE FIDO MUFF.

Takes the Place of Teddy Bear in Society.

The Fido muff has taken the place of the Teddy bear as a pet, and one will meet dozens of these new pets soon in the arms of their devoted owners.

Not all the muffs are alike, and of course the name Fido is not an arbitrary one. Sport or Fige or any other suitable canine pseudonym would answer equally well.

The black astrakhan and Persian lambs are the favorites, for they have a wonderful resemblance to a French poodle before he has been shaved. The outer side of Fido presents an unbroken furry coat, but on the opposite side are two pockets, into which the hands may be thrust in case of a muff.

The little dog face is surprisingly natural, with its bright eyes, white teeth and red tongue hanging out on one side, and a metal collar and ribbon how make the resemblance to a real dog all the more vivid.

**Misuse of the Voice.**  
The easiest of bad habits to acquire is that of speaking loudly. Language has become so complex that not only is it necessary to say the right thing, but it must be said in the right way. A phrase may be said in jest or earnest; a rebuke may be kindly or stern; an order may be willingly or unwillingly received according to the manner in which it has been said. Many a faithful workman is unjustly accused of unwillingness and disloyalty because of the childish manner in which orders are received. Many a master is regarded as unfeeling by his employees because his actions are forgotten and only the sting of his sharp manner remembered.

There are more homes that have been wrecked by a misuse of the voice than in any other way. A simple question, "Is dinner ready?" put by the husband may be said in such a way as to arouse every drop of fighting blood a woman has, or the same words may be put in such a tone that they bring forth a hearty welcome. The old song, "It isn't what he says, it's the way he says it," is the real answer to many a question put in the divorce courts.

**Hobble Skirt 5,000 Years Old.**  
Dr. Edith N. Hall, who has charge of the excavations in Crete for the University of Pennsylvania and who is in this country to deliver a course of lectures on the work, declares that the women of 5,000 years ago wore hobble skirts, laced in tight corsets and wore mannish collars.

She also declares that ancient Crete had reached a very high plane of civilization. The city had a drainage system, which compares favorably with any present day drainage systems.

"Excavation on the island," said Dr. Hall, "will be materially assisted by the Balkan war, since under the Turkish regime the excavating is hampered by a great deal of red tape."

**Scrub Your Chickens.**  
The skin of poultry is frequently very dirty when brought from market, and fowls should be not only washed, but scrubbed with a soft brush and warm water, in which a teaspoonful of baking soda has been dissolved. Such treatment will prevent the disagreeable "hen" taste often noticeable in cooked poultry.

## Whence and Hither?

A sublime passage is Carlyle's vision of history as a stupendous procession forth-issuing from Cimmerian night and vanishing into pathetic and faithless silence, which is given as follows in "Sartor Resartus."

"Like some wild flaming wild thing, a train of heaven's angels does this mysterious unblinking thought and flame in long drawn, quick succeeding grandeur through the unknown deep. Like a God-created, fire breathing spirit it hest we emerge from the lunge-baste stormfully across the astonished earth, then plunge again into the inner Earth's mountains are leveled and heaves filled up in our passage. Can the earth which is but dead and a vision resist spirits which have reality and are alive? On the hardest adamant some footprint of us is stamped in; the last tear of the host will read traces of the earliest sin. But whence? O heavy on whether? Sense knows not; faith knows not only that it is through mystery to mystery, from God to God."

## Cruel but Necessary.

The Eskimos dread the winter and take every precaution to provide against famine. As the season approaches the great herds of reindeer migrate southward and the walrus or the seal are all that remain for food. When an in wind is blowing the walrus is cast; found on the outer edge of the ice packs. When it is blowing off the shore, however, the walrus sail out to sea with the walrus on them. The natives then chase their numbers in a list from the strongest to the weakest. The food that is in store is divided up, the weakest having the smallest quantity, the strongest the largest. They are the mightiest hunters have strength to provide for the others. It is a cruel system, but nevertheless a necessary one. If all were weak, all would die, if some are strong, they will save many of the weak.

## The Sea Lifts the Grandestones.

From the bottom of the Bay of Fundy come some of the finest grand stones in the world, and the manner in which they are procured is simple and ingenious, the stones being the hardest part of the rock. When the tide is out, which happens twice every day, the workmen quarry the stones from the solid rock and fasten them to a big tub. Then in comes the tide, a mighty flood rushing in, as though the great ocean had suddenly changed its mind. A wonderful sight it is, rising often as high as a house. And now the men have nothing more to do. The tide lifts the boat, and up comes the stone with it. Boat and stone are then brought close ashore, where the stone is removed at leisure when the tide is out. Argonaut.

## A Fitting Reply.

Major Lomax of the United States army was visiting in Canada soon after the war of 1812. He was entertained in Quebec by the officers of one of the royal regiments. After dinner, speeches and toasts being in order, one of the British officers, having in view a toast "The President of the United States, Dead or Alive!" The toast was accepted with laughter.

Major Lomax rose to respond, saying: "Permit me to give as my toast, 'The Prince Regent, Frank or Sobber.' The British officer sprang instantly to his feet and in angry tones demanded, 'Sir, do you intend that remark as an insult?'"

To which Major Lomax calmly answered: "No, sir, as the reply to one."

## Don't Get Up in a Hurry.

Don't jump up the first thing your eyes are open. Remember that while you sleep the vital organs are at rest. The vitality is lowered and the circulation not so strong.

A sudden spring out of bed is a shock to these organs, especially to the heart, as it starts pumping the blood suddenly. Don't be in such a hurry. Stretch and yawn and yawn and stretch. Stretch the arms and legs, stretch the whole body. A good yawn and stretch is better even than a cold bath. Take time. It will keep you young and add years to your life. Family Doctor.

## Golf.

A writer in an English paper has this to say regarding the game of golf: "Golf is a great game, but shiver me nibbles! If I think it comes up to tid-dle-y-winks it is played with a couple of farms, a river or so, two or three sand hills, a number of implements resembling dentist's tools, a strange language much like Hindustani, any old clothes and a large assortment of oaths."

## Overheard in the Art Gallery.

They were making the usual round of exhibitions. "Oh," he exclaimed, "do look at that beautiful Apollo Belvedere!" "Sh!" she returned. "Don't say dear so loud. Everybody'll know we're just married!"—Judge.

## Sounds So.

"How oddly the man cleaning the machinery talks!" "How do you mean?" "I heard him telling his helper to 'save the waste.'"—Baltimore American.

## Nose For News.

"That man is an inveterate gossip, and he has a perfect genius for smelling out spally times in families." "Then his is something of a storm-seeker?"—Exchange.

## Aerobic Diplomacy.

Elihu Root once defined a real diplomat thus: "A real diplomat, you know, is a man who can stretch hands across the sea without putting his foot in it."

## Cookery Points

### Apple Tapioca.

Butter and eggs are not used in the following recipe for apple tapioca, a most excellent way of preparing this dessert. Have ready a large cupful of tapioca, three plates of apples, peeled, cored and quartered, a cupful of sugar, a scant teaspoonful of salt, a flavoring of grated lemon peel or nutmeg and three pints of boiling water. After washing the tapioca carefully put it into the boiling water. Let it cook until perfectly clear and stir frequently to prevent burning. While it is cooking put the apples into a baking dish. Sprinkle them with the flavoring, and then over all put the tapioca while it is very hot. Bake the pudding in a slow oven until done and serve either hot or cold with cream.

### Prune Salad.

Prune salad is somewhat of a novelty to many. Soak the prunes overnight in cold water. Then the next morning stew them with water and sugar until tender. Let them cool, remove the stones and fill the centers with cream cheese which has been softened with a little cream and mixed with chopped nuts. Arrange these on lettuce leaves and pour over them a dressing made as follows. Mix in order one-half teaspoonful salt, a pinch of mustard, a little cayenne pepper or more paprika, five tablespoonfuls olive oil, two and one-half tablespoonfuls vinegar and a few drops of lemon juice. Beat with an egg beater until it is thick.

### Chocolate Pie.

Heat one cupful of milk with one square of chocolate, stirring until the chocolate, which should be broken fine, is melted. Beat the yolks of three eggs and add four tablespoonfuls of milk. Put a tablespoonful of salt and one-half cupful of sugar into the milk and chocolate, and when hot again add the diluted egg yolks. Cook two minutes, take from the fire and add half a teaspoonful of vanilla. Line a pie plate with good paste and pour in the filling. Bake twenty minutes in a quick oven and cover with a meringue made from the whites of three eggs beaten stiff with one-third cupful of powdered sugar. Color slightly in a cool oven.

### Salmon Cutlets.

For a hot dish salmon cutlets are easily prepared. They may be made from the surplus of boiled salmon. Shred cold boiled salmon with a fork; moisten it with a little melted butter, or better still if you have it, some lobster sauce. Season with salt and cayenne pepper. Form into flat pear-shaped cutlets about half an inch thick, roll each in breadcrumbs, dip in beaten egg, cover once more with breadcrumbs and fry to a delicate brown in butter. Serve with sprigs of parsley stuck in, on a platter. They look well when surrounded by marble potatoes which are garnished with little sprigs of parsley.

### Pork Cheese.

Cut but do not chop two pounds of cold roast pork into small pieces, allowing four ounces of fat for every pound of lean. Then pack this into a mold, with pepper and salt to taste, four sage leaves and two finely minced onions, filling up the mold with good, well flavored gravy with which a little gelatin has been dissolved and bake for rather over half an hour. Then leave it till cold and turn out. Beef may be treated in exactly the same way, only allowing four ounces of ham or pork to the pound of beef.

### Piquant Tongue Rounds.

Take half a pound of tongue for two dozen rounds, two tablespoonfuls of minced capers, one tablespoonful of English mustard and seasoning of cayenne pepper. Cream two heaping tablespoonfuls of butter add seasoned tongue and rub the mixture to a smooth paste. Cut buttered bread into thin and as many unbuttered squares. Spread the plain slices with the tongue cream and put the two together and cut round with a large scut cutter.

### Eggs à la Creole.

Cook a pan of tomatoes with a shredded green pepper until the tomatoes are reduced by half. Then pour on to five rounds of buttered toast and place on each of these a poached egg and keep hot. Meanwhile melt an ounce of butter in a pan over the fire and let it color. Then add a tablespoonful of either lemon juice or vinegar. Let it all come just to the boil and pour it over the eggs, seasoning them with pepper and salt.

### Breakfast Rolls.

Mix together a full teaspoonful of baking powder, a pound of flour and a small teaspoonful of salt, rub two ounces of butter into it, mix it quickly with half a pint of buttermilk or skim milk; make the dough up into little rolls, set them on a well floured baking tin and bake for ten to fifteen minutes. When half baked brush over with milk.

### New York Broiled Oysters.

Drain the oysters and season with salt and pepper. Dip first into softened butter and then roll in breadcrumbs. Arrange in a fine wire broiler, place over a clear fire and broil a light brown. Serve with maître d'hotel sauce.

## For the Children

The Cowled Monk's Head, Cooney Canyon, New Mexico.



Almost every western state has one or more natural statues. Some are carved so perfectly by the action of the elements as to be startling in their expressions. One of the most striking is the "Monk's Head," in Cooney canyon, New Mexico, a freak of nature which brings out in clear relief a man's face, the head appearing to be hooded. The figure is of giant proportions, and at a distance sharply outlined against the sky, it seems impossible that it is not the work of some ancient people who may have wrought upon it with crude tools, yet obtaining a singularity strong and virile expression of countenance.

## Origin of Words.

"Powwow" comes from the North American Indians. The word boss comes from the Low Dutch and means master.

Kidnap comes from the napping or stealing of a kid, gypsy for child.

Calaboose, a prison, picaroon, a pirate, palaver, to talk, are all Spanish.

"A rum's rum" is simply a gypsy word. It has no relation to the product of the mill.

Pal is a brother, and "cock" for loose, comes from the spouting fountain, the concha of the Romans.

Demijohn, comes from the Arabic damagban, itself taken from the Persian glass making town of Demagban.

The common slang word "mash" is from a beautiful gypsy word, "madam," which means "to charm by the eyes."

Why spoony when he is making love? Simply because he is a "hoefel" which also means spoon.

## A Diplomatic Fisherman.

A king once bought a string of fish from a poor fisherman and in return gave him a bag of gold coins. The fisherman, seeing the fortune over his shoulder and was about to depart when he noticed a single coin had fallen on the ground. Carefully placing the bag on the ground, the man stooped and took possession of the coin and put it in the bag with the fortune.

"Are you a miser?" asked the king. "Were you afraid one of my servants would get it?"

"Not so," replied the fisherman. "But the coin bears on one side the name of God, on the other the portrait of you, my king. I would not have one of the other deities by being trampled underfoot."

The king was so pleased with this ready answer that he gave the fisherman another big load of gold and sent him rejoicing on his way.

## Toasts From Dickens.

And now everywhere is the New Year. There are books and toys, kind wishes and good deeds for the New Year.—Chimes.

Lo, the year has labored through the destined round and now lays down its weary head to die! The streets are full of motion, and the shops are decked out early.—Chimes.

Yes, the New Year, like an infant heir to the whole world, is waited for with welcome and rejoicing.—Chimes.

Father Time is not always a hard parent, and, though he tattles for none of his children, he often lays his hand lightly on those who use him well.—Barnaby Rudge.

## Cats in Ancient Times.

Cats are mentioned in Assyria 2000 B. C. and are found in Egyptian tombs centuries prior to that date. Deified like the ibis and ichneumon from their useful properties, they were held in such veneration that Esusists, at first lion headed, became a cat headed goddess. Herodotus tells us the Egyptians first saved the cat when the house took fire. To kill a cat even by accident was punishable by death. The Romans when they conquered Egypt treated the animals with the same contempt as the religion of which they formed part. Not a cat has been found in the ruins of Pompeii or Herculaneum.

## Exercise For Children.

Children should be encouraged to play games that exercise every muscle. They should have jumping ropes, seesaws, swings, battledore and shuttcock, tennis and basketball. Parents and nurses should play with them. Fathers who form ball teams or football eleven among the boys of the neighborhood will have healthier children and will feel better themselves.

Amateur track meets under the parental eye, even in a back yard, are good ways of helping children to exercise. There can be jumping contests, weight lifting, trapeze and swings and punching bag.

Children can be formed into walking clubs, and even small boys and girls may be encouraged to do a certain amount of daily sprinting.

## Secrets.

When I pass Linda's house and put a pebble on the gate it means: "I have to hurry on. Don't look for me nor wait."

And when I fix my ribbon bow in just a certain way it means: "Come over to my house this afternoon, and play."

Then if I leave undone the topmost button of my shoe it means: "The rain will spoil our fun. Whatever shall we do?"

It really wouldn't matter much if everybody knew. And yet it's very pleasant having secrets as we do.

—Youth's Companion.